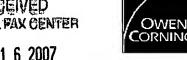
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#### **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before April 24, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

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